

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
a solvent mixture, comprising
 a hydrophobic solvent; and
 a hydrophilic solvent;
a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,
~~wherein the polymer and the beneficial agent are dissolved in the solvent mixture, the~~
composition forming a ~~liquid solution, suspension, or gel~~ for direct administration to an
organism, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 4 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 5 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beneficial agent has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

Claim 6 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the beneficial agent has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1,~~ A composition comprising a solution, suspension, or gel comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising

a hydrophobic solvent; and

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

wherein the composition can be injected through a ~~25-gauge~~ needle having a diameter smaller than that of a 20-gauge needle.

Claim 8 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 2000 centipoise.

Claim 9 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1,~~ A composition comprising a solution, suspension, or gel comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising

a hydrophobic solvent; and

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein.

Claim 11 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

Claim 12 (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising
a hydrophobic solvent; and
a hydrophilic solvent;
a bioerodible polymer; and
a beneficial agent,

~~wherein the polymer and the beneficial agent are dissolved in the solvent mixture, the composition forming a liquid solution, suspension, or gel~~ for direct administration to an organism; and

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 2000 centipoise.

Claim 14 (Original) The composition of claim 13 wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 15 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 16 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

Claim 17 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the composition can be injected through a 28-gauge needle.

Claim 18 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the composition can be injected through a 30-gauge needle.

Claim 19 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 500 centipoise.

Claim 20 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein.

Claim 21 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

Claim 22 (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) A composition for administration of a beneficial agent to an organism, comprising:

a solvent mixture, the solvent mixture comprising a hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer dissolved in the solvent mixture; and

a beneficial agent, wherein the beneficial agent and polymer are dissolved in the solvent mixture, the composition forming a liquid solution, suspension, or gel for direct administration to an organism,

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 2000 centipoise, at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%, and less than 25% of the beneficial agent is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

Claim 24 (Original) The composition of claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein.

Claim 25 (Original) A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising: injecting the composition of claim 1 into an organism through a needle.

Claim 26 (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the needle is a 25-gauge needle.

Claim 27 (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

Claim 28 (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

Claim 29 (Original) A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising: injecting the composition of claim 13 into an organism through a needle.

Claim 30 (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the needle is a 25-gauge needle.

Claim 31 (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

Claim 32 (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

Claim 33 (Original) A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising: injecting the composition of claim 23 into an organism through a needle.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended) A kit, comprising:

a container;

a hydrophobic solvent;

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

wherein the amount of said hydrophobic solvent and said hydrophilic solvent is sufficient together to dissolve all of said polymer and form a liquid solution, suspension, or gel with a viscosity of less than 2000 centipoise for direct administration to an organism.

Claim 35 (Original) The kit of claim 34, comprising a unit dosage of the beneficial agent.

Claim 36 (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein the hydrophobic solvent, the hydrophilic solvent, and the bioerodible polymer are sterile.

Claim 37 (Original) The kit of claim 34, further comprising at least one syringe.

Claim 38 (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein the container comprises a septum.

Claim 39 (Original) The kit of claim 37, further comprising at least one needle.

Claim 40 (Original) The kit of claim 39, wherein the beneficial agent, the hydrophobic solvent, the hydrophilic solvent, and the bioerodible polymer, are in said at least one syringe.

Claim 41 (New) A depot formed from the composition of claim 13.

Claim 42 (New) The depot of claim 41, wherein the beneficial agent is suspended within the depot.

Claim 43 (New) The depot of claim 41, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 44 (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 45 (New) The composition of claim 7, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 46 (New) The composition of claim 7, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 47 (New) The composition of claim 7, wherein the solution, suspension, or gel can be injected through a 25-gauge needle.

Claim 48 (New) The composition of claim 13, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 49 (New) The composition of claim 23, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 50 (New) The kit of claim 34, wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

Claim 51 (New) The composition of claim 10, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.

Claim 52 (New) The composition of claim 51, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent.